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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to first examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 32 and 33 as follows:

32: A device that provides therapy to a mitral valve annulus of a heart, the device being dimensioned for placement in the coronary sinus of the heart adjacent to the mitral valve annulus and that effects the geometry of the mitral valve annulus to provide therapy to the mitral valve annulus, the device including a coupler that releasably couples the device to an introducer that places the device within the coronary sinus, the device being configured to provide the therapy to the mitral valve annulus while coupled to the introducer.